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Secretary Martin At B.G. Dinner

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On The Eve Of Zionist Convention

KIMCHE TO SPEAK DESPITE PRESSURE

A CJN Exclusive Report

Jon Kimche, the London editor who is in the news now because he was sacked from his post as head of the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review, the official organ of Britain's Zionists, will be in Toronto the end of next week.

At this moment it seems that, despite Mr. Kimche's conflict with the Zionist Federation of Britain and Ireland, his invitation to address the Founding National Convention of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada still stands.

Reports from London and Jerusalem concerning Mr. Kimche's appearance here are not very clear.

The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported last week that Woolf Perry, a member of the Jewish Agency executive and deputy chairman of the United Israel Appeal, had asked the Canadian Zionists to cancel their invitation to Mr. Kimche.

According to this Hebrew daily, Israel's largest, Mr. Perry had done so upon instructions from the executive of the Jewish Agency.

However, The Canadian Jewish News learns that Mr. Kimche received a cable from Montreal in which the invitation extended to him was confirmed.

Also it seems that the chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, Arieh L. Pincus, wired from Jerusalem to the Canadian Federated Zionist Organization convention office that in his opinion there are no reasons to retract the invitation to Mr. Kimche because of his dispute with the Zionist Establishment in England.

As reported last week in The Canadian Jewish News, Mr. Kimche had to leave his position as editor of the Observer because of disagreement on policy and refusal to bow to orders from the owners, the Zionist Federation of Britain.

The Founding National Convention of the Federated Zionist Organization in Canada will be held in Toronto's Royal York Hotel from March 31st to April 4th.

Among the guest speakers, besides Mr. Kimche, will be: Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich, rector and professor of philosophy, University of Jerusalem; Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon; Dr. Judah J. Shapiro of New York; last but not least, Arieh L. Pincus of Jerusalem, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

One thousand delegates from across Canada representing the six Zionist organizations are expected to attend.

The following Zionist groups are part of this Federated Organization: Ahdut Avoda Poale Zion; Friends of Pioneering Israel (Mapam); Labor Zionist Organization (Mapai); Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi; Zionist Organization of Canada; Zionist Revisionists; Canadian Hadassah (Women's Zionist Organization).

Simultaneously with the convention of the Federated Zionist Organization, the Zionist Organization of Canada will hold its 38th annual convention under the chairmanship of Lawrence Freiman, president. The Hadassah - Wizo Organization will participate in this convention.

• *Commentary* •

By M.J. Nurenberger

GRENOBLE

All indications are that Grenoble, the not too big, rustic town at the foot of the Alps close to the Swiss border, will be remembered as a new departure in French political development. For it is there that Pierre Mendès-France this month conquered a parliamentary seat which launched him once more as the potential contender for De Gaulle's position when the Old Man retires.

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I was in Grenoble about a year ago when Mendès-France began the political drive which returned him to Parliament. It was a cold, spring weekend. Yet, despite adverse weather, thousands of Dauphinois turned out to hear the leftist politician. All the underground, antisemitic propaganda against the brilliant lawyer-economist — whom General De Gaulle wanted in his Cabinet and whom the General still considers a good, personal friend despite political antagonism — could not influence the local populace. In fact, Grenoble is one of the few centers on the Continent where its people helped Jews during the Nazi occupation.

A close relative who heads the French National Science Research outfit showed me the surrounding hills which the Germans feared to approach during the Occupation. Several thousand Jews hid there, as had a number of Maquis. They cooperated with each other, especially in sabotaging the Nazi extermination plans.

A non-Jewish, middle-aged woman, member of one of the most aristocratic families of the district, showed me the avenues of escape to the other side, Switzerland. She was sixteen years old when France was occupied and already had become the savior of hundreds of Jewish children smuggled across the border.

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In this wine and cheese country, France Eternal, any reference to Fascism and pro-Nazism would kill a politician. For it is the land of Resistance whether Grenoble, Lyons or Aix-les-Bains (now seat of a yeshiva). Its people love freedom, they believe in democracy. To a great many of them, anticlericalism, the French Revolution 1789 brand, the slogan "ecrasez l'infâme" still is very much alive.

In spite of all this, apparently the Jewish voter in France — and the Jewish vote today is significant — has not followed the leftist trend.

Grenoble, Lyons and other centers throughout the French provinces have substantial newcomers from Algeria and other areas of North Africa. Not all of these Jews are grateful to Mendès-France for having supported the independence movement of the Arabs in the Maghreb. French Jews thus voted as did the Frenchmen in general: in Paris, very much to the left; in the provinces, more to the center and right.

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I recall friends and relatives discussing with me last year the potential role of Mendès-France. Though all liked the man, his personality, most of them cared neither for his political affiliation nor for the small Socialist splinter party he heads. In fact, it seems that while non-Jewish French leaders, such as De Gaulle and Mollet of Sinai fame, have shown total independence vis-a-vis Arab nationalist blackmailers, the Jews of France and pro-Israelis are not so sure about French policy should Mendès-France reach power.

No one doubts his Jewish attachment, especially since everybody knows how close his wife and sons are to the Israeli effort. And this is characteristic of the majority of the Frenchmen today. But a leftist government may be more Arab-orientated.

On the other hand, some in the know say that a man like Mendès-France would be a natural mediator between Jews and Arabs as he is trusted by both.

This, however, is too much conjecture for Mendès' very return to power still is in the realm of speculation.

WELCOME TO TORONTO— Ray D. Wolfe, chairman of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, representing the organized Jewish community, says Baruch Haba to David Ben Gurion as Rabbi Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, 1967 UJA chairman, looks on.

ANTI-HATE BILL FOR NEW STUDY AFTER APPROVAL BY SENATE

OTTAWA, (CJN Service) - The much discussed bill to ban the distribution of so-called hate literature and to disseminate group hatred by public speaking, finally was passed this week by the Senate. Such a step, first advocated by The Canadian Jewish News four years ago - and then submitted as a private bill by M.P.s James Walker, (Toronto) and Milton Klein, (Montreal) - now seems very close to becoming part of the Criminal Code. The discussion which led to the approval of the principle of such a bill by the Senate followed a report of the Special Committee headed by Prof. Maxwell Cohen, Dean of the Faculty of Law of McGill.

Senator Arthur Roebuck of Ontario (Liberal), presented the Government Bill asking for the amendment of the Criminal Code.

In presenting his Bill, Senator Roebuck made an impressive statement in which he blasted the recent organized underground hate propaganda in Canada. Senator Roebuck quoted the Cohen report to the effect that tolerance of such propaganda could poison the air here and would divide the nation. The former Attorney-General of Ontario also mentioned the fact that the bill which is now being sent to a Special Committee of Senators and M.P.s must become part of Canada's legislation so as to put an end to the propaganda aimed at the division of the people because of race or color.

The reception of this bill on Parliament Hill has been mixed. M.P. Milton Klein, who originally sponsored the Private Bill, told The Canadian Jewish News that unless the newly appointed special Joint Committee of Senators and M.P.s tackled the problem immediately, nothing will happen.

Following are the members of the House of Commons appointed to the Joint Committee to study hate literature.

G.W. Baldwin (P.C., Peace River); Yves Forest (Liberal, Stanstead); C.A. Gauthier (R.Cr., Roberval); Milton Klein (Liberal, Montreal Cartier), Bert Leboe (S.C., Cariboo); David Lewis (N. D.P., York South); Nicholas Mandziuk (P.C., Marquette); J.A. Mongrain (Ind., Trois-Rivieres), E. Nasserden (P. C., Rosthern), J.M. Reid (Lib. Kenora, Rainy River); D.R. Tolmie (Liberal, Welland) and James Walker (Liberal, York Centre and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue).

Parliament Hill is now watching the next step in this long battle for curtailing Nazi propaganda here. Will the law finally be passed, some ask, or is it only a new device to postpone the final passing of the law?

In Montreal

School Confab April 16

Special Report by Victor Michelson

The vexed and knotty problem of Jewish education in Quebec will be discussed freely in Montreal at a special conference on education called by the Candian Jewish Congress (eastern region), on Sunday afternoon, April 16th, at the Windsor Hotel. Proceedings will continue "until terminated".

Executive vice president, Saul Hayes, has described this conference as a continuation of the January 29th session when tempers became frayed and the meeting virtually terminated in disorder. At that time, in addition to the education-issue there was debate and discussion on general topics as well as on German and Russian issues.

The next session, however, will be devoted to education only. Delegates from the same affiliated bodies as were present before will attend. As then, the Committee for Tax Supported Jewish Schools will be allowed five delegates who will be required to accept the conference's laid-down rules of debate.

The public may attend though not participate in discussion.

I. Akerman, chairman of the Committee for Tax Supported Jewish Schools, welcomes the conference. With no other objective than to rouse the community from its apathy, it is hoped that the public will attend in large numbers to hear the organization's viewpoint.

"I wish to make quite clear," said Akerman, "that we are not trying to foist Jewish day schools upon those who do not want them. What we want is a square deal, on a par with other religious groups, regarding taxation and the provision of adequate day schools for those parents who feel, as we do, that this is the best thing for our children."

Royal Welcome For The Israeli Leader

INSPIRES COMMUNITY TO LARGEST UJA SUPPORT

4,000 Children Hail Most Famous Jew

by The Canadian Jewish News reporter

Paul Martin, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, hinted at a possible Canada-role in bringing together the Israelis and the Arabs because of its friendship for both.

Mr. Martin, in Toronto Monday night to represent the Government of Canada and the Prime Minister (in his absence) at a tribute-to-Ben Gurion-dinner of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal, received a standing ovation of more than two-thousand gathered at the Royal York Hotel.

The Secretary for External Affairs, at the time acting Prime Minister, was introduced by Ray D. Wolfe, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto which represents the total community. As though in response to Mr. Wolfe's presentation of him as "the man of peace who pursues peace," Mr. Martin departed from his prepared speech to make several extemporaneous remarks which aroused the enthusiasm of the assembled.

Speaking of Canada's historic and non-partisan friendship for Israel, the acting Prime Minister and Secretary for External Affairs said that because of Canada's excellent relations with all parties in the Middle East it may be called upon to play an important role. He also admitted Israel's "legitimate grievances" regarding the present situation in the Middle East and "border violations".

An off the cuff remark sounded like an indirect answer to anti-Israel pickets in front of the hotel. Speaking as acting Prime Minister, Mr. Martin stressed that there is no discrepancy between being loyal, dedicated citizens of Canada and supporters of Zion. In fact, he lauded this double role in the past and present of Canadian Jews.

The gala dinner honoring Ben Gurion, the guest of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal, was a fitting climax to B.G. Day. The 1967 UJA chairman, Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, announced that the community already has pledged $1,600,000 towards this year's three-and-a-half million dollar-drive, a twenty percent increase in comparison with last year's amount for the same period. Although no figures were revealed, additional substantial funds were pledged again during the dinner attended by one of the most enthusiastic audiences in Toronto UJA's history.

Ben Gurion's fervent appeal to the Jews here to become a part of the historic effort now being made in Israel influenced the community with a sense of obligation to do its job.

As Rabbi Rosenberg stressed in his concluding remarks: the Jewish community beheld the man who is part of history, who has given a new meaning to the word Jew. Thus the Jewish community also must remember opportunities lost in the past, and rise to the demand of the hour.

David Ben Gurion arrived in Toronto Monday noon directly from Montreal. Upon his arrival, he was introduced at Malton Airport by the UJWF chairman, Ray D. Wolfe, and addressed a press conference chaired by Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg.

At the airport Mr. Ben Gurion was welcomed by Minister of Reform Institutions, Alan Grossman, in the name of the Ontario Government, by Mayor William Dennison on behalf of the City of Toronto and by Metropolitan Chairman Allan.

In late afternoon, four-thousand Toronto Jewish children assembled to hear Ben Gurion at Beth Tzedec.

At the evening affair, Rabbi Gedalia Felder led the guests in the blessing over the bread; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson led the assembled in Grace. Cantor Jacob Barkin led in the singing of the Canadian and Israeli national anthems.

Thus concluded Ben Gurion's present trip to North America. The veteran leader of Israel flew from Toronto directly to Europe enroute home.

In Montreal, the first leg of his Canada tour on Sunday, Ben Gurion addressed two-thousand guests at the State of Israel Bonds dinner. He disappointed the press by refusing to discuss any present-day political Israeli problems except on the issue of the Arabs by suggesting an Israeli-Pan-Arab customs union if and when peace comes.

More stories and pictures on Ben Gurion's visit inside

TO SPEAK AT FOUNDING CONVENTION OF FEDERATED ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CANADA — From left to right, Jon Kimche and Dr. Nathan Rotenstreich.

Diplomats Puzzled

OTTAWA REJECTS JERUSALEM AIR PROPOSAL

by The Canadian Jewish News Diplomatic Correspondent

Ottawa (CJN) - The sixty-four-dollar question here concerning Canada-Israel relations is the most recent rebuff by the Canadian government to Jerusalem when the Israeli government approached our leaders for a mutual landing rights agreement. Although Israel is one of Canada's best customers - the balance of trade is in favor of Canada - diplomatic circles here are at a loss to understand why Ottawa would not sign or even discuss an aviation agreement with Israel.

It is difficult to find out here in the Canadian capital whether this policy has been accepted or laid down by the Prime Minister or whether the Ministry dealing with transportation has made a decision independently.

The facts as they are reported from well informed circles are:

The Israeli Ministry of Transport recently repeated its invitation to Canada to open discussions concerning mutual lending rights. The first such suggestion for an aviation agreement was made approximately three years ago.

At that time Canada flatly rejected the suggestion from Jerusalem, which meant that Canadian airlines would stop in Lydda and Israeli airliners would land in Toronto or Montreal.

Because of many Canadians interested in travelling to Israel, such an aviation agreement would be of benefit to Canada. However, some indications mentioned here are that Air Canada is opposed to such a deal because of Arab business.

Thus Israel's new proposal has been met with total rejection. The answer was polite but in essence: not interested.

At the beginning of this year, Israel's El Al Airlines told Canada that it would want to bring Israeli visitors to Expo '67. Also El Al could pick up some tourists enroute, in Europe. The Canadian official answer was that Ottawa would allow Israeli planes to bring in such personnel and such material directly involved with Expo '67. Otherwise, Canada repeated, she is not interested in mutual lending rights agreements.

This decision has been received in Jerusalem with surprise. Israelis do not understand why there cannot be a mutual aviation pact with Canada.

CANADA AND ISRAEL: STRONG TIES

by The Hon. Paul Martin

Following is, in part, the official text of Secretary Martin's greeting to Ben-Gurion:

I think it is particularly appropriate that Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion should be visiting Canada this year when they and we both have anniversaries to celebrate. I gather that it is almost 50 years since Mr. Ben-Gurion signed his first bitateral treaty -- perhaps I should say, since Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion entered into a bilateral alliance -- and established what we all recognize has been a most effective entente. Mr. Ben-Gurion has had occasion to sign many more treaties, but none, I am sure, has brought him more satisfaction.

Mr. Ben-Gurion's visit to Canada also provides an opportunity for us to mark his eightieth birthday and convey our congratulations and best wishes. His eighty years have been crammed with incident and achievement. As an architect of Israel's independence he has had the satisfaction of reaching a distant goal; an unrealistic and visionary goal in the eyes of many of Mr. Ben-Gurion contemporaries, but one which he espoused and fought for over many years. As historian and statesman, he has a legitimate interest in the past. In his writings, he tells the story of the origins of the state of Israel as no one else could. But he offers a lesson to us all in that he does not confine his interest to the affairs of the present and past: he looks to the future with confidence, hope and enthusiasm. He has plans and ideas.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, as you know, we in Canada are also celebrating an anniversary -- the 100th anniversary of our Confederation. In so doing we Canadians can do no better than to follow your example -- to cherish the achievements of the past, but to look to the future.

I like to think that Canada, like Israel, is a country of and for pioneers. Both our countries are still young in the scale of history and in Canada we still face enormous challenges in developing our land. These challenges arise not only along the frontiers of settlement, in new communities and new enterprises. They also spring from the growth of cities, the increasing complexity of industrial society, and the rising hopes of less richly endowed peoples outside our frontiers. Questions of housing, of transport, of education, of technical training, of service abroad, demand responses from the people of Canada and from its governmental authorities at all levels.

DIPLOMATIC CHAT during after dinner grace at Toronto's UJA dinner -- just when the assembled recited ". . . .and the Lord shall bless His people with peace".

There is a tendency for all of us to get bogged down in detail, to become engrossed in day-to-day affairs, to commit our energies to immediate practical problems. Your whole career, Mr. Ben-Gurion, has been a demonstration of the eminent practicability of looking beyond the immediate difficulty and of aiming at distant goals. Hard work, persistence and determination are needed to pursue such goals. There will always be frustrations, setbacks, and the continuing burden of dull routine along the way. But all countries and peoples need the illumination of a farther vision if they are to realize their full potential.

This theme is often touched upon in the Bible of which you, Mr. Ben-Gurion, are a renowned student. It is an important part of the common cultural heritage which Canada and Israel share. And it is one which we do well to remember on the anniversaries of men and nations.

It Can Be Revealed Now

How Top Nazi Was Caught

BY HENRIETTE BOAS

Amsterdam - Details about the arrest of the former commander of the Sobibor and Treblinka camps, Franz Stangl, in Brazil, were given in Holland last week by Simon Wiesenthal, the Director of the Jewish Documentation Centre for War Criminals in Vienna, who played a major part in the tracking down and arrest of Stangl. Wiesenthal was in Amsterdam for the launching of the Dutch edition of his book, "The Murderers Among Us," in which he describes his experiences in the tracking down of war criminals during the last twenty years.

Wiesenthal said in a television interview that Stangl, during the time he was commander of the camps, was responsible for the death of about 700,000 people mostly Jews. Stangl's name was far less known than that of Joseph Mengele, the Auschwitz camp doctor, for instance, because of three of Stangl's victims had survived, whereas the number of Auschwitz survivors was very much larger. According to Wiesenthal, Stangl was among the "major three" Nazi war criminals who were still at large.

Stangl was arrested by the American forces after the war, and handed over to the Austrian authorities, who tried him only on the charge of having been deputy director of the Hartheim "training institute for Nazi murderers," where about 30,000 non-Jewish Germans were killed by gas. It was at this centre that Nazis who were later to staff the extermination camps were trained. It was not known during the Austrian trial that Stangl had later been a commander of Sobibor and Treblinka.

In May 1948 Stangl fled with the aid of the "Odessa" organization - which helped Nazis to escape from West-Germany - and finally reached Syria, where he was tracked down by Wiesenthal. Nothing could be done about extraditing him, however. Later Stangl went to Latin American and lately had been working in a Volkswagen factory in Sao Paolo. Wiesenthal recently learnt of his whereabouts from a former Nazi, now in Brazil, who demanded money for the information, and was paid $7,000. Only four persons knew about the pending arrest until the last moment, according to Wiesenthal. One of them was a high Brazilian diplomat, whom Wiesenthal had met in Europe.

Stangle was arrested when he went home from work, and was immediately taken to Brasilia. Both West Germany and Austria have asked for Stangl's extradition: Austria because Stangl is an Austrian citizen.

JERUSALEM POST

Reveal Stangl's Activities

New York (JCNS) - The World Jewish Congress' files here reveal that the Nazis had a high opinion of Franz Stangl's abilities as a concentration camp commandant. The Austrian Government is seeking to extradite Stangl, who was arrested on March 2 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is accused, as commandant of Treblinka and Sobibor death camps, of complicity in the murder of 700,000 persons, the majority of them Jews, including 400,000 from Warsaw.

The Nazi views of Stangl were communicated to the late Nehemiah Robinson, the head of the W.J.C.'s Institute of Jewish Affairs, by the West German authorities at his request.

The Bonn officials responded by quoting from Nazi material available to the Berlin Document Centre. They included the following:

"Stangl takes the biggest credit for the whole action . . . He is the oldest and best camp commandant, and while still a member of the Austrian police force, he was a member of the then illegal S.S."

The West German information stated that Stangl was born in 1908 in Altmuenster, Austria, and had been a captain in the S.S. from February 12, 1943, having served previously with the Gestapo in Linz. He is listed as having been a member of the Nazi party from May, 1938.

After The Elections

FRANCE' NEW JEWISH M.Ps.

Paris (JCNS) - Another Jew was successful in the elections for the French Assembly on Sunday, March 12th. He is Michel Dreyfus-Schmidt, 35, who takes his seat for the first time, representing a Belfort constituency for the Socialist and Democratic Federation.

This brings to seven the number of Jews who have been elected or re-elected to the French Assembly.

He is the son of the late Pierre Dreyfus-Schmidt, a former deputy in the National Assembly and Socialist-Progressive Mayor of the town, who died in 1964.

Of the other six Jews - three Sephardim and three Ashkenazim two are Gaullists; three represent other parties, and one Communist.

Pierre Mendes-France, a former Prime Minister, who comes from a Sephardi family of Bayonne, near Bordeaux, was elected for the P.S.U. (United Socialist Party) in Grenoble; M. Claude Estier (Ezraty), a journalist, was elected in a Paris constituency, beating Alexandre Sanguinetti, the Minister for Ex-Servicemen; and Georges Dayan (formerly of Oran, Algeria), was elected in a Gard constituency for the Socialist and Democratic Federation. Dayan is a close friend and secretary of Francois Mitterand, the chief of the Federation.

The two Gaullist Party victors were: Marcel Dassault (Bloch), the owner of the famous Aviation firm making the Mirage, Vautour and other jet military aircraft, who was returned for a Oise constituency; and M. Lucien Neuwirth, who is a member of the party executive, was returned at St. Etienne, near Lyons.

For the Communists, Pierre Villon (Ginzburg), the son of a Strasbourg rabbi, was elected in an Allier constituency. He has always been a Communist supporter.

THE NPD THREAT

Munich (JCNS) - Two members of the extreme Right-wing National Democratic Party now sit in the Bavarian Constitutional Court, a consequence of the recent State elections in which the N.P.D. won representation in the State Parliament.

All parties represented in the legislature automatically are entitled to seats in the court.

The establishment of a National Democratic High School League has been announced in Tuebingen. The chairman claimed that branch organizations already had been established in nine universities and more would follow. He refused to say how many members the League had.

The Rabbis taught:

"...He who hides from his obligation to charity is accounted as if he worshipped idols..."

The major instrument of Tzedakah for all Jews is the United Jewish Appeal. Thus the UJA symbolizes the loyalty of every contributor to the Jewish people as a whole.

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Thus UJA, the greatest philanthropic effort of modern day, in a real sense is the mark of Jewish identification. We call upon our fellow Jews to respond to the urgent needs of the hour: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, build homes for the homeless and, last but not least, secure Jewish survival through education - through the UJA.

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In the spirit of our tradition, it is the practice of Jews all over the world to serve with each festive meal, especially on holidays, the Fruit of the Land. Instinctively the Jew who remembered Zion--and desired that his children and grandchildren retain this attachment to the ancient homeland--felt there must be a tangible manner of expressing this bond with Eretz Israel.

For almost a century Carmel Wine has served as such link. It added to the joy of the festival and provided spiritual significance for the occasion.

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WHEN 4,000 TORONTO KIDS FETED B. G.

COME, JOIN US, granddaddy tells youngsters at historic Beth Tzedec gathering – parents will follow as mine had.

by CJN Staff Photographer John Lever

by the CJN Education Editor

The outstretched hands of white haired octogenarian David Ben Gurion were grasped figuratively by close to four thousand children and youth of Toronto's Jewish schools as they cheered the world renowned architect of the State of Israel at a massive assembly held last Monday afternoon in Beth Tzedec Synagogue under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto.

AREA JAMPACKED

As the appointed hour approached, the streets around Beth Tzedec hummed with the sound of buses carrying the youngsters from the more than twenty schools in the metro area affiliated with the Bureau of Jewish Education. Some had come from Don Mills and Bayview; one group, from Niagara Falls. They filled the sanctuary and overflowed into the hall. As they waited, they sang Hebrew songs under the direction of Ruth Cooper, conductor of the Beth Tzedec school choir.

When David and Paula Ben Gurion and their party entered, the massed audience rose in a body. They listened while Mark Shapiro, a student of the Hebrew Academy, speaking in their name, greeted Ben Gurion as the Zerubavel of our day (one of the great personalities in Jewish and world history who had played a leading role in bringing to reality the visions and prayers of Jewish generations) and ended with the dramatic phrase: from David unto David there has been none like David.

Mrs. Ben Gurion was presented with a bouquet of flowers by eleven-year-old Lynne Millstone.

B.G. ASKS FOR RAPPORT BETWEEN YOUTH HERE AND ISREAL

The eighty year old statesman, introduced by Rabbi Rosenberg, this year's chairman of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal and spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec, exhorted the young audience to remain steadfast in their loyalties to their people, to make the Hebrew language and Bible their own to develop a close bond with the sacred land of Israel. He brought them greetings from their fellow student-youth in Israel.

The atmosphere was literally electric with excitement as the youngsters strained to catch the words of the veteran leader who spoke with warmth and sparkle.

(David Ben Gurion has a particular affinity for the youth with whom he identifies his larger than life hopes and dreams for the future of Isreal and the Jewish people. He has a natural rapport with them. And the young sense this and respond accordingly.)

Many hundreds understood his flowing Hebrew idiom; others barely could grasp the meaning of the remarks he added in English. But with all of those there, there seemed a communion of the spirit as they saw in the flesh the figure of the man concerning whom they had heard so many heroic stories in the classroom, the man who had become a legend in his own lifetime.

On behalf of the young audience, Shelley Sugarman, student of the Prozdor School of Beth Tzedec, speaking in English, expressed appreciation to Mr. Ben Gurion.

Strains of Hatikva marked the closing of the massive but brief assembly which lasted less than an hour. But for thousands of Toronto's Jewish youth, it was an experience they will cherish and remember for many years.

YOUNGSTER INTERPRETS BEN GURION

This is how a 14-year-old Jewish student, Jonathan Alexander Wolfe, son of the president of Toronto's United Jewish Welfare Fund, Ray D. Wolfe, summarized Ben Gurion's appeal to Jews: study Hebrew, come to Israel and tell your parents to get off their...

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BROTHERHOOD SERVICE

B'nai Israel Beth David Brotherhood held its Centennial year brotherhood service recently. Guest speaker was Donald S. MacDonald, M.P. and parliamentary secretary to the Hon. Paul Martin. Topic: International Brotherhood.

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim conducted the service, assisted by Cantor David Greengarten. Mrs. Sam Shulman, Sisterhood president, made the blessing over the candles. The following participated in the readings: Lorne Solish; Alan Steiner; Martin Shulman; Stephen Freedman; Steven Kirshenblatt; David Shinwell; Jeffry Pilch; Joel Yaphe; Eric Vernon. Max Sandler and Harry Sandler opened the ark. Joe Feldt, 1st vice president of Brotherhood, introduced the guest speaker. Sam Bloom, Brotherhood president, brought greetings.

The following congregation members received certificates in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Max Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bloom; Mr. and Mrs. Max Goody; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grosman; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Isenberg; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kam; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Papoff; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schlifer; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Singer; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weinstein.

BREAKFAST MEET

Recently B'nai Israel Beth David Brotherhood held a breakfast meeting. David Rotenberg, Alderman, was guest speaker. He was introduced by Harold Colt, program chairman.

NEW GROUP

The we-speak-for-Judaism group of Holy Blossom Temple meets Monday evenings in the board room of the temple.

SECOND ANNUAL ART

Beth Tzedec's second annual Twentieth Century Jewish Art Show, the first week in May, will have as its theme: The Jew and His World. Art by Chagall, Shaun, Friedlander, Baskin will be exhibited, as will sculpture by Sir Jacob Epstein, Chaim Gross, William Zorach, Nathan Rappaport. Israeli art will be on display from the works of Reuven Rubin, Fima, Castel, Raphaeli, Ardon, Bezem, Jacob Steinhardt and Tuvia Juster, sculptor.

Canadian artists honored will be Saul Field, Joe Rosenthal, Ethel Raicus, Moe Reinblatt, David Silverberg; Leonard Oesterley, sculptor.

The exhibit will be open to the public daily, May 8th through the 11th, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the synagogue.

LADIES' NIGHT

Sunnyside Lodge 449 will tender its 53rd annual ladies' night on Sunday, March 26th. Max Miltchin is convenor.

PURIM MEET

Brotherhood Breakfast Club of Shaarei Shomayim will have its fathers-sons-daughters annual Purim breakfast coming Sunday morning.

A carnival will be held in the afternoon.

BOTH PARTNERS SEPHARDIM

Tel Aviv (JCNS) - Both partners in the one day "Halitza" marriage are Sephardi immigrants from Morocco. The bride, Massuda Malka (nee Bitun), was born in Morocco in 1931. She is deaf and dumb.

The one-day bridegroom (her brother-in-law), Abraham Malka, is aged 14. He is also deaf and dumb. Massuda's deceased husband, Mordecai Malka, was born in 1942 and lived in Ashdod.

The marriage was contracted on March 1, and the divorce took place the following morning in Rehovot.

The decision by the two Israeli Chief Rabbis to let the ceremony go through has been criticized in many circles and by Professor Ernst Simon, a deeply religious member of the Hebrew University staff.

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Mordecai And Esther

DUTIES OF A COMMUNITY

When Mordecai first told Esther to exploit her royal position at the court of Ahasuerus, she seemed hesitant. She was afraid to jeopardize her position by calling upon the king unsummoned. Then Mordecai, according to the story in the Book of Esther, admonished his niece in the following manner:

". . . Imagine not in thy soul to be able to escape in the king's house out of all the Jews.

"For if thou do indeed maintain silence at this time, rescue and deliverance will arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house will perish. And who knoweth whether thou hast not for a time like this attained to the royal dignity?"

When the Megillah is read on Saturday night and Sunday morning, of this year's Purim festival, many of us should ponder upon these words from the Book of Books.

The position of Esther concerning the Jews in distress, as related in the Megillah, can be compared with the attitude of the North American Jewish community in regard to those of our brethren overseas who at this moment look to us for aid and succor. Perhaps, to paraphrase Mordecai, we in this hemisphere and on this continent have been singled out by Providence to this "royal dignity" in order to help.

When we heard Ben Gurion Monday night at Toronto's United Jewish Appeal dinner, when we listened to his moving words, many of us must have thought of this opportunity and rendezvous with destiny which we cannot afford to miss.

The Observer Episode

EXIT JON KIMCHE

The conflict, in our opinion, between Editor Jon Kimche of the London "Jewish Observer and Middle East Review" and the Zionist Establishment there finally should place on the agenda of Jewish communities in the free world the problem of our press.

Although the London "Jewish Observer" has been an official publication of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain for more than fifteen years, the fact that Jon Kimche edited it made that publication a journal of greater caliber than one would expect from a house organ of an organization.

In journalistic circles it was an open secret that English Zionist leaders and some statesmen in Israel (a country which subsidized the Observer and practically paid for its entire French-language edition) never had made peace with Kimche.

The Zionist leaders in Great Britain were elated whenever they were complimented upon the high level of their publication. Therefore they never could understand why they in their wisdom should not become the supereditors of Jon Kimche.

Although the Observer never has been very popular in North America, in England and on the Continent it wielded a strong influence despite its relatively small circulation. It was read by many non-Jews interested in Israel's problems.

Yet all this was not enough to satisfy the British Zionist Establishment because Jon Kimche, a true journalist, almost always ignored the memos from his publishers on how to edit a paper.

We agree with the Jerusalem Post which, in an editorial devoted to this problem, explains the success of the Observer. The Jerusalem Post says that, although a large number of publications devoted to Israel are published by Zionist organizations and other Jewish groups, the Observer has been an exception. The trouble with these house organs, says the Jerusalem Post, is that they "provide the watered-down, tidy-it-up version of Israel affairs considered suitable for Zionists abroad — though it is surely an insult to the intelligence of people whom we wish as partners . . . to suggest . . . that everything is perfect here."

Although continues the Jerusalem Post, Mr. Kimche's paper was always violently critical, (and) he relished scandal . . . and has outraged "everybody" on more than one occasion . . . the merit of his magazine was that he presented a picture of a growing, vigorous Israel capable of surviving criticism in a London weekly. "Also he presented it against its geographical background of the warring, squabbling Arab states. His information on the Middle East was as dramatic as reporting on Israel, sometimes extremely interesting and quite often wrong."

The Jerusalem Post then stresses the important fact that the Observer succeeded in bringing the message of Israel to many readers who otherwise never would have troubled to scan the ordinary Zionist publication.

Now Jon Kimche has been fired and his dismissal has become a cause celèbre.

The Zionist Federation has resumed publishing the Observer under the editorship of one of its officials, a vice president. Yet the Observer as we knew it, again in the words of the Jerusalem Post, "with all its glaring faults, the magazine that served a valuable purpose," is gone. "If a more malleable editor is appointed now, the magazine may perhaps commit fewer faux pas but the picture of a living Israel, as opposed to a Zionist dreamland, may be missing from the scene."

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This Kimche-Observer episode may ignite the flames of a new debate throughout the Jewish communities everywhere on what a Jewish newspaper should be.

However, despite the editorial eulogy of the Jerusalem Post, there is one point on which Maariv, and not the Post, is right. Kimche, according to Maariv, should have rejected the outright subsidies from the Zionist Organization and the State of Israel if he wanted to retain the independence of his magazine.

After all, it was the Zionist Federation that owned the magazine, not Mr. Kimche. While all of us regret that when various Zionist officials in different countries and some professional Jews in general get hold of a publication they completely ignore their limitations, officially they are the owners and pay the salaries.

Whether or not they should be in control of this peculiar and particular purse for publishing newspapers is another issue. But we do know that the staggering amount of public funds spent by Jewish organizations in the United States and Canada on such publications is a total waste of money. From experience, even the organizations are aware by now that — except for those who know in advance their photographs will appear in a particular paper — these publications go directly from the mailbox to the waste basket.

Frankly we do not have the answer to the problem of how the Jewish press on the continent should function. For the primary issue remains: what is a Jewish paper? Is a Jewish newspaper an area of pursuit open to anyone minus the slightest intellectual or professional background necessary for expressing ideas?

However, we do believe that a Jewish newspaper will become important only if it remains loyal to its mission: to inform and to interpret the news. Hence the Jewish press in North America, as anywhere else, requires trained editors and writers steeped not only in journalistic tradition but also in the lore and knowledge of Judaism — its culture, languages, literature.

This is exactly what the publishers of the Jewish Observer and the Middle East Review will discover when they read the fruit of the pen of their new "editor"

ANCIENT MEGILLAH SCROLL (BOOK OF ESTHER)

Direct From Budapest

HUNGARY TRIES NAZIS

by Istvan Veress

(Special to the Canadian Jewish News) Budapest (MTI) —

Early this year the trial began in Budapest of 19 war criminals who stand indicted for the most heinous crimes. Vilmos Kroeszl, 56, a Hungarian nationalist, and his 18 accomplices - all former shocktroop members of the Arrow-Cross Party/Hungarian Nazi Party/ - had tortured hundres of innocent people, assisted in the deportation of thousands and - on the strength of evidence to date - murdered 250 persons. It is most probable, however, that they will confess to more murders in the course of the trial. The court hearing of the case has been going on for more than two month, now and - as prosecution and defence have called 150 persons to give evidence - it is expected to last another month.

THE BACKGROUND

In autumn 1944, the advance of the Soviet Army brought it home even to some leaders of the fascist Horthy regime that the Nazi war was lost. On October 15, 1944 Horthy issued a proclamation announcing Hungary's withdrawal from the war; but the German Armed Forces immediately took countermeasures: they occupied the most important public buildings, and seized control of the Hungarian Radio, over which an order of the Chief of Staff was broadcast, calling for the fighting to be continued. It was also proclaimed that Ferenc Szalasi, leader of the Hungarian Arrow-Cross Party, and hassumed power.

The programme of the Arrow-Cross Party included the establishment in Hungary of a system on the lines of German fascism, the extermination of Jews and the continuation of the war. Total mobilization was ordered. Men and women from 16 to 60 years of age weremade liable for doing labour service. An order was issued calling for the vacuation to Germany of the plants and equipment of factories, the country's gold and foreign currency reserves and all the live-stock. Political prisoners, and a part of the Jewish population of Budapest, were massarred, while the remaining were handed over to the German fascists who carried them off to Germany and annihilated most of them in extermination camps. The Hungarian Nazis killed 400.-000 people, one hundred thousand were maimed for life; 500.000 children became orphans.

NAMELESS HORRORS

On October 21, 1944 the Arrow-Cross "Defence Minister" issued the following order: "I order the employement on military forced labour of Jewish men from the age of 16 to 60 and Jewish women from the age of 16 to 40. Persons affected by this order are required to present themselves to start work at 8 a.m. on October 23, 1944.... Jews liable for forced labour who fail to comply with this order will be most severely punished."

In order to enforce this order, Vilmos Kroeszl, who in October, 1944 acted as Arrow-Cross leader of Budapest District 14/Zuglo/ and his companions/other Nazi district leaders and shocktroopers/ were organizing raids in the area of Budapest. They would seal off a section of a street, make a house-to-house search and - while looting and brutally maltreating people - they would carry off Jews, progressive minded people and Communists to the Party District Headquarters where the prisoners were subjected to torture and bestial cruelty. The victims were beaten with rubber hoses and black-jacks, pieces of paper between their toes were lighted, their faces were burnt with cigarettes, young women were raped... In the interrogation room the blood of the victims was ankle-deep...After the torture, prisoners were murdered amid sadistic rituals.. This atrocities committed by Kroeszl and his associates defy description. Documents, photographs and depositions of witnesses are evidence of their monstrous deeds. They key witness of the trial, for instance, is a survivor of a "liquidation action"; he crawled away from the scene of execution, the Danube Embankment, with 8 bullets in his body.

The trial has been going on for over a month and the Court has only just finished the examination of the 19 prisoners. It took 30 days for Kroeszl and his accomplices to tell in court the story of their murders and other crimes.

WHY ONLY NOW?

The 19 persons accused of the crimes which are the subject of the present trial were taken into custody by the Hungarian Police Authorities - after a lengthy investigation - between February and July, 1966. Why only now, 22 years after the crimes?

After 1945 most of the former Nazi shocktroopers escaped towards West, and have never, or only many years later, returned to Hungary. At the trials held by people's tribunals immediately after the end of the war it was impossible to discover all war crimes; witnesses were not available, the defendants did not confess to the rimes; most of the relevant documents had been destroyed; and the young police force had little experience. Many of the criminals were hiding in the provinces under assumed names.

THE INVESTIGATION

How did Kroeszl and his associates become suspected? At the time of the 1956 events Vilmos Kroeszl reappeared on the scene of his murders carrying arms. Somebody recognized him, but didn't remember his name and could give only a rather vague description of his person. An inquiry was opened but had soon to be terminated as the trial seemed to peter out. Everything seemed to indicate that the Nazi bandit - whose name was not even known - had fled from the country. In the meantime, the person who had given the information died...

Two years ago Kroeszl again visited the Capital and was recognized by somebody who reported that the Arrow-Cross leader of the Zuglo District, responsible for the deaths of so many people, was brazenly walking in the streets of budapest. The investigation was resumed with great vigour and Kroeszl was arrested early in February, 1966. When questioned by the police, he said he knew the whereabouts of one or two of his former associates. This was how the authorities began rounding up the 19 members of the group.

NO PRESCRIPTION OF WAR CRIMES

The former Nazi shocktroopers are now tried in court and most of them have made true and full confessions in the hope that this might be considered as an extenuating circumstances by the court when passing sentence. They will be made to answer for the crimes they committed 22 years ago. It is the position of the Hungarian Goverment - one that is based on Hungarian law - that there is no time limit for war crimes. A statutory provision issued in 1963 extended amnesty in Hungary to a certain category of war crimes, but the defendants in this trial are without exception guilty of manslaughter, so - according to statutory provisions - the amnesty does not apply to them.

Two defendants /Gyula Monostori and Janos Barath/ are in a somewhat peculiar position, as at the time of the crimes they were still under age, and according to Hungarian Law in the cases of defendants who have committed crimes when still under the age of 18, only punishments as fixed by statutory provisions relating to young persons can be imposed.

Another special case is that of defendant Gyoergy Buekkoes who was sentenced 20 years ago by the Budapest People's Tribunal to 10 years penal servitude for his activities as the propagandist of the Arrow-Cross Party Organization of District XIV. The Chief Prosecutor now made a motion for a new trial and the Supreme Court ordered the case of Gyoergy Buekkoes to be re-examined.

The penalties that can be imposed under Hungarian law for war crimes are capital punishment or imprisonment from 10 to 15 years.

One of the trial judges of the court told reporters the other day that the reports of terror, the shrieks and blood of victims, haunted even his dreams. The trial is expected to last another month and the most distressing part is still to come when the evidence will be heard of the witnesses who lived through those outrages.

Istvan Veress is on the Staff of the official Hungarian of the official Hungarian News Agency (MTI).

letters to the editor

NONSENSE ABOUT B. G.

Dear Editor:

I think you go from one extreme to the other. There was a time when The Canadian Jewish News would overdo its treatment of the Nazi menace in Canada. Now, in the issue of March 17th, you are headlining Ben Gurion's visit to Toronto, which is after all but a fund-raising affair, while you allow Beattie and his Nazi gang a small story.

As a reader of The Canadian Jewish News who always has respected the militancy of the paper, it hurts me to see such prominence given a former prime minister. I am a Socialist and a supporter of the Histadrut.

Yet Ben Gurion is not anymore representative of the Histadrut, nor is he the leader of Israel, as you write.

On the other hand, Beattie is a threat to our community because of the people behind him. I should like to see some proper coverage on this issue.

Toronto Abraham Goldberg

Thanks From Tolmudists

Dear Editor:

The publicity The Canadian Jewish News has given the Toronto Yiddish Talumidsts Benevolent Society in its columns is most gratifying. Our membership would not be what it is today were it not for this newspaper's fine cooperation. What once was a gleam in the eyes of two young men has blossomed into a large, well organized and impressive organization.

Toronto Yiddish Talmudists Benevolent Society.
Levi Goldberg, president.

Direct From Washington

Whom C.I.A. Is Paying

by I. Kennen

Washington - At least 10 foundations cited as C.I.A. conduits have supported the American Friends of the Middle East, an anti-Israel group, since its establishment in 1951. A study of Internal Revenue returns, annual reports of the AFME and other documents reveal the organization received almost $2m. between 1952 and 1957 from the Dearborn Foundation in Chicago and the San Jacinto Fund in Houston, and that eight additional foundations provided funds from 1960 to 1965.

Dearborn was the principle support of AFME during the first six years of the organization's existence. It started AFME off with a grant of at least $50,000 in 1952. In 1953, it contributed $130,000. This figure jumped to about $400,000 the following year and then ranged from $300,000 to $350,000 from 1955 to 1957. The records show that Dearborn contributed some $1.5 million to AFME between 1952 and 1957.

The San Jacinto Fund was organized as a charitable trust in Houston on March 4, 1954, by John W. Mecom. Mecom is president of a Texas oil firm with many interests in the Middle East. The company has been prospecting for oil in Jordan. In the spring of 1964, Mecom was host to King Hussein during the latter's visit to the U.S. In December of that year, a plane owned by Mecom was shot down by Egyptian jets and American officials voiced a strong protest. Last June, Mecom's company struck oil in the Persian Gulf.

San Jacinto was named by members of the National Student's Association as a C.I.A. front. In 1955, AFME stated that it had "succeeded in enlisting the interest" of San Jacinto, from which it had already received "substantial gifts." San Jacinto and Dearborn together contributed almost all of AFME's total income of $2,-385,510 from 1952 to 1957. From 1958 on, AFME reports omit any mention of the foundations, and they themselves are not required to file returns with the Internal Revenue Service. Thus, there is no way of knowing from these sources whether either subsidy has continued.

In 1960, according to records, the Jones-O'Donnell Foundation in Dallas, an admitted C.I.A. conduct, gave AFME $10,000. In 1961, the J. Frederick Brown Foundation in Boston and the Marshall Foundation in Houston joined the list. Jones-O'Donnell gave AFME $10,-000 in 1961. in 1962, Marshall raised it contribution to $25,000, and Jones-O'Donnell to $15,000. The following year another three foundations listed AFME as one of their beneficiaries: the Hobby Foundation in Houston, the David, Josephine and Winfield Baird Foundation in New York and the W. Alton Jones Foundation in New York. There are also records of donations for 1964 and 1965.

FULL STORY UNKNOWN

The 1965 records are the least complete. But the full story of AFME's funds is still not known. Since 1958, the organization's annual reports have avoided any reference to specific foundations and have lumped all income under one broad heading called "contributions, membership dues, counselling fees, etc." Nor is AFME required to file a public report with Internal Revenue. Organizations which are religious, charitable, educational or supported wholly or in part by the U.S. Government are not required to file.

Attempting to trace AFME's funds through their sources is almost as difficult. Some foundations have never filed returns. The reports of others are often incomplete. And all reports prior to 1962 are buried deep in the files of Internal Revenue district offices.

ISRAEL AND JAPAN

Tokyo - Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban conferred with Japanese Foreign Minister Takeo Miki. The Israel Foreign Minister arrived in Tokyo on a five-day goodwill visit to Japan in the course of his tour of Asian and Pacific countries. He was guest of honour at a traditional Japanese dinner given by Mr. Miki at the Kasoao restaurant here.

In Manila, the Egyptian Ambassador to the Philippines made an unscheduled call on Foreign Minister Narciso Ramos to inquire into the results of Mr. Eban's visit there earlier last week. The envoy, Mr. Ahmed Abouzeid, said afterwards that he "warned" Mr. Ramos not to accept Israel aid because it would mean the infiltration of his country by "subversive elements."

Commenting on Mr. Eban's offer to send several technicians to the Philippines to study the feasibility of major irrigation projects, the Egyptian Ambassador said that Israel aid teams "are not what they seem to be. They are instigators, subversive elements and intelligence agents."

Sermon of the week

PURIM VERITIES

Purim, which we are about to celebrate, is perhaps the strangest and most challenging Jewish observance. It bristles with enigmas.

On the Sabbath preceding the commemoration we read the injunction: "Remember what Amalek did unto thee". But we are not a vengeful people. Although we have never made "turning the other cheek" a mitzva, historically we are possibly the only race that has ever observed this precept. Forgiveness and compassion are, as it were, our métier.

Why then are we bidden to remember the evil done to us by Amalek? Besides, this ancient bedouin tribe is utterly insignificant in the story of mankind and of Israel. But for the Biblical references to these marauders, their very name would long ago have fallen into oblivion.

The Talmud, in discussing the character of Purim, concludes that it is a day of feasting and joy, but not a Yom Tov — a festival in the true sense of the term, Why has it this minor status? Surely, it commemorates the salvation of our people from an almost unparalleled danger — from complete annihilation! On the other hand, Purim is the only Jewish celebration when a sense of complete abandon — even intoxication — is permitted to prevail. How are we to understand these contradictory facets of our commemoration?

Purim, like all our ceremonial traditions, enshrines great spiritual truths, imperishable verities, which we must comprehend if we are to survive. We are not enjoined to remember Amalek or even Haman; they are entirely unimportant. Instead, our memory has to be focussed on "what Amalek did unto thee". He cut off the hindmost, all that were enfeebled and in the rear.

The Jewish straggler is invariably the prey of Amalek in every generation. It is only those who are integrated in the Jewish camp, who live in spiritual fellowship with their people, who can resist the ceaseless assault of the foe — be he an avowed Jew-baiter or a covert enemy, luring us to extinction with the siren-voiced enticement of assimilation.

Truly, Purim can never be acclaimed a genuine Jewish festival, because the deliverance was tragically incomplete. We escaped the machinations of Haman, but we remained in exile. We continued to be at the mercy of all the forces of attrition that plague the Jew in the Diaspora. Salvation must lead to Israel's national sovereignty, or it fails of its true, its ultimate purpose.

Yet the spirit of joy bubbles over merrily on Purim. The Jew laughs and laughs at Amalek and Haman and all their wicked heirs. What fools these antisemites are! Cannot they understand that he whom God wills to live is indestructible? Do they not realize that the Torah-true Jew is a child of God whom no power on earth, however strong, however evil, can annihilate? Though the whole world be ranged against him, the loyal Jew remains undaunted, for he is as irresistible as the will of Providence.

The day will come when he shall attend the obsequies of antisemitism itself. On that far-off Purim day we shall say, with unabated joy, "Lechayim!" to the world; and all humanity will rejoice with us. For in Israel's salvation all mankind will find redemption.

Analyzing Travel Problems

SAY ISRAEL MUST CHANGE POLICY

Jerusalem — by Helga Dudman

"We can bring groups from New York to Cairo, via Lebanon and Jordan, for an air fare of $326. To Tel Aviv, as you know, the winter rate was $499. By the way, about half of our travellers are generally Jewish... This series of visits to Israel was supposed to bring 3,500 tourists. But because of the high air fare, as compared with the charter rates we use everywhere else in the world, we ended up bringing less than 300."

The critical travel expert was Mr. Steve Sensi, Vice President of Travel Headquarters Inc., of Chicago, one of the largest American firms specializing in the newly booming field of "Incentive Travel" - organized tours for salesman and other employees of giant firms as rewards for business activity. I spoke with Mr. Sensi, last week at the Hilton Hotel, where about 290 employees of Norge, the huge American appliance firm, had arrived in three plane-loads for a four-day stay. Their tour included three days at the Athens Hilton.

"Last year my firm's travel arrangements accounted for 43,000 'room-nights' at Hilton Hotels throughout the world - we are the largest customers of Hilton. The total number of 'room-nights' we arranged for our incentive customers was about 60,000" Mr. Sensi indicated that the "See America First" campaign in the U.S. would undoubtedly cut into foreign travel this year. Yet he was full of praise for Israel as a tourist attraction (he was first here 12 years ago, on a travel-inspection visit) and emphasized that the appeal of the Holy Land to both Jews and Gentiles was enormous.

And in any event, "the selling and distribution of appliances of such firms as Norge, Admiral, Westinghouse, whose incentive travel we also handle, is largely in Jewish hands. So we send charter planes, with Jews frequently making up the majority of tourists, to Berlin, to Dublin, to Tokyo...

Incentive tours, Mr. Sensi explained, were arranged on the basis of "points," calculated on the cost of the tour and based on the number of appliances a given dealer had sold above and beyond a stated figure. If, for a certain number of points, the potential traveller can have either a trip to Israel or two trips to, say Europe - he is very likely to choose the latter.

The air travel fare accounts for the greatest part of the trip's cost. Admittedly Israeli hotel and other costs are high but since the average "Incentive" tour is usually for only five or six days, the difference in hotel accommodation is not the determining factor. Athens hotels, for example, are cheaper than Tel Aviv hotels - but the charter fare to Athens is $290 - compared with $499 to Tel Aviv. (Winter rate now no longer in force.) Even so, a far larger group would have come here had it not been for the confusion and the extreme lateness in announcing even the winter group fare.

(El Al, I was told, had indeed made a gesture in extending its winter rate, which expired on March 1, although the Norge trips started thereafter; so, too, had the Tel Aviv Hilton. There had been a conflict with the recent Fashion Week and plans had been changed).

The New York - Cairo figure of $326, incidentally, is made up of the New York-Brussels charter fare of $170, plus an additional $156 by charter to Brussels-Beirut-Jerusalem (Jordan) - Cairo. "Americans coming on such a trip are not permitted to cross over into Israel, though Europeans are. Why?....He estimates that 40,000 Americans travelled under Incentive tours last year, and the number is increasing rapidly.

"To be sure, some countries do restrict charter travel. But no other country excludes them completely, as you do.

"We always like to cooperate with the national carriers of countries with which we are working. And in every country except yours, the national carrier realizes that what's good for us is good for them, too. Take Brazil. We've sent in 21 charters. We agreed with Varig the Brazilian airline, that they would fly a quarter of the planes. Now we've brought three planeloads to Israel. El Al gets half (the other carrier is TWA). "Which is more - a quarter of 21, or half of three?"

Hotels everywhere are delighted with "Incentive" business because such visitors are good spenders.

What, I asked Mr. Sensi, did the El Al representatives have to say to him during the negotiations for this operation, which began over a year ago - and which was to have involved 21 planes rather than three.

"They start talking about I.A.T.A.," he replied.

But surely, since only Israel has a complete charter ban, this is not I.A.T.A.'s decision, I asked. What does El Al say then?

"They say," he replied, "that it's Government policy."

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Purim Customs

STRANGE TRADITIONS IN STRANGE LANDS

by Reuben Kashani

Every community has its own Purim customs, all of them colourful and of great interest. A number of these customs have grown weaker in observance as the years have gone by, but they are still worth recording.

In many places, even today, the eve of Purim is a time for playing cards, throwing dice and drawing lots - all for money. This commemorates the lot cast before Haman and the 10,000 talents of silver he promised "to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them", the king, of course being Ahasuerus.

There is an ancient tradition among those communities which follow this custom. "God knew in advance and expected the wicked Haman to fall upon the Jews", they say, "and he therefore anticipated this happening and commanded Moses to collect from each of the Children of Israel a half-shekel as their soul's ransom."

Remembering this time-honoured tale, the synagogue officials and communal leaders collect a "half-shekel" from every member of the community and the money is distributed among the poor and for other worthy causes.

In a number of Hungarian communities, instructions were given in the communal account books for the Chevra Kadisha and the synagogue officials to organise collections on Purim. The collectors were chosen on the day in Adar on which Moses was born and died.

As they went from house to house, their Chevra Kadisha boxes in their hands, the collectors made full use of psychology and "hard selling" teachniques to ensure that every contribution was up to standard. They did this by taking cemetery officials and sextons with them, each carrying the tools of his trade. The idea was that people would remember that their turn, too, would come to be delivered into the hands of the Chevra Kadisha, and would contribute to the limit of their means.

Other countries have other customs. In Afghanistan, the Yemen and elsewhere, the Jews used to eat eggs whose shells were first coloured with onion water or dyes.

Some people explain this, and also the custom of dressing up at Purim, by saying that the colouring of eggs and the dressing up symbolise the fact that Ahasuerus changed his mind and that "Esther had not made known her kindred or her people" to the King. Not only did they eat eggs but many people stayed awake all night to mark the fact that Ahasuerus had been unable to sleep on the night the gallows was erected for Mordecai.

In Georgia (Russia), the males dressed up as horsemen and soldiers and rode through the streets of their towns as the satraps of King Ahasuerus used to do. In Italy, too, the men used to ride through the streets on horses, carrying cypress branches and blowing trumpets, acting out the verse from the Book of Esther: "... that they may array the man therewith whom the King delighteth to honour and cause him to ride on horseback through the streets of the city..."

Riding was also the custom

Effigies of Haman in the synagogue were by no means unknown, both in the area near Salonika (Greece) and in Frankfurt (Germany). In Greece, the figure of Haman was placed in the seats set aside for mourners. During the reading of the Megila, the children used to surround "Hamam" belabouring "him" with mallets and, when the reading was over, they used to take the effigy outside and burn it.

The Jews of Frankfurt used to place wax figures of Haman and his wife, Zeresh, on the almemar and set fire to them as the Megila was being read. In other places, candles were lit, one for each of the ten sons of Haman. It was also the custom to light two large wax candles, representing Haman and Zeresh.

Throughout Eastern Europe, Purim was the time when the young came into their own. At a mock ceremony, a yeshiva student, usually the one who was best at his studies, would be chosen as "Purim rabbi". He would be taken to the bath-house, dressed up in a rabbi's clothes and be awarded his "rabbinical diploma", which would be read out to enable everyone to have a good laugh at the jokes and sly allusions it contained.

After he had been crowned, the "Purim rabbi" would give long "discourses" on all kinds of non-existent scriptural and other verses. In addition, many Purim prayers were composed - selichot, kiddush and so on. Plays - both dramatic and humorous - were performed at home or in the courtyards of the synagogues.

The Sabbath before Purim is known as Shabbath Zachor ("Remembrance Saturday", as it were) because it is then that the Sidra is read urging us to "Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt". Haman the Agagite was a persecutor of the Jews in the true tradition of Amalek.

For the Jews of Salonika, the Purim atmosphere began to be felt as early as the Thursday before Shabbat Zachor, which they used to call "Shabbat Hacala" ("Sabbath of the Bride"). The name was given because of the custom to refer to any young girl as a bride during the first year of her marriage, when she had certain special rights, including the right to receive gifts on Shabbat Zachor.

On that day the parents of the bride and groom used to send the young couple presents - silks, or gold or silver jewellery. Others sent them household and kitchen utensils.

The bride sent sweetmeats and confectionery of various kinds to her mother and mother-in-law. Grandchildren were also given sweets. The boys received sugar figurines of the bride, and the girls, models of the groom. In the synagogue, almonds and other nuts, as well as various, delicacies, were distributed among the congregation after the service.

Any Jew in Izmir, Turkey, who did not attend synagogue on Shabbat Zachor was punished, for it is a mitzva to remember Amalek.

In Kurdistan, Shabbat Zachor was known as "Shabbat Habanot" ("Sabbath of the Girls") and the girls used to meet in groups the day before and bake delicacies of all kinds. They would then go to the bath-house together and sing songs about Queen Esther and her beauty.

If one of the girls wore her hair in long plaits, the others would seize hold of them and chant this song:

May your beautiful plaits grow long
And may it be God's will that your life be one of ease
May you have beauty like that of Esther
And may seven sons be born to you -
And may the youngest beat you...

On Sabbath Zachor, the girls used to continue their merry-making, going out into the fields to sing and dance and tell stories of the miracles performed by Queen Esther and of the downful of Haman.

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PARIS BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY

Paris (JCNS) - A number of leading French personalities, among them Jews, Christians and Moslems, decided at a meeting here to establish a new brotherhood society under the title "Fraternite d'Abraham".

Attending were Rabbi Meyer Jais, the Chief Rabbi of Paris; Andre Chouraqui, of the Alliance Israelite Universelle; and Robert Aron, the author.

Christian representatives were: the Jesuit Fathers, R.P. Danielou and R.P. Riquet; Jacques Nantet, the author; and the Moslems: Si Hamza Boubakeur, Bachaga Ben Aissa, and Mohamed Diouf.

The object of the new society is "to promote understanding, friendship and cooperation among people attached to the great spiritual cultural and moral values stemming from the great tradition of Abraham".

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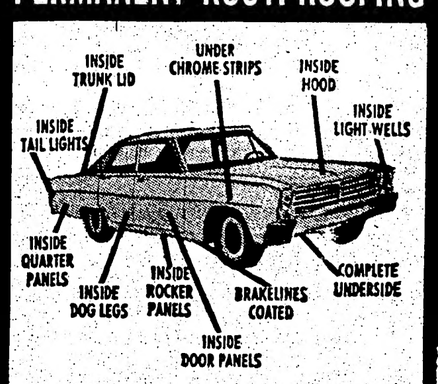

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SARTRE IMPRESSED BY KIBBUTZ LIFE

Tiberias, Israel - The French writer-philosopher, Jean Paul Sartre, who visited the border kibbutz Lehavot Habashan on Friday, said that he had been deeply impressed by the steadfast stand of the border settlers.

He and his companion, Simone de Beauvoir, were shown the old kibbutz dining hall that was shelled by the Syrians in 1958, as well as the shelters and communication trenches. He said that to judge by what he had seen they had faced the dangers with great courage and he was glad that despite everything they were still striving for peace.

They visited the children's house and were told that the children were taught to love peace and to hate war. They were told that despite everything they were still striving for peace.

He showed special interst on the effects of the constant danger on the children, and when he was introduced to members who had been prisoners in Nazi camps he said that the mention of these camps made him shudder. It was good to see that the survivors had been absorbed in their homeland and rebuilt their lives here.

The visitors arrived on Friday afternoon, had dinner in the common dining room and met the settlers for a discussion in the evening. Saturday morning they toured the kibbutz and the nearby Syrian border.

At noon they went to Degania Bet for a meeting with Knesset Speaker Kadish Luz, with whom they lunched in the dining hall. They talked with Mr. Luz in his home and Sartre showed interest in kibbutz problems, especially regarding the education of children and their opportunities for higher education.

Sartre asked many questions concerning the personal responsibilities of individual kibbutz members, the growth of the kibbutz movement and the scale of its agricultural and industrial production. He was also introduced to two young mothers with whom he talked about problems of child care in the collective. Then he met a young couple from Spanish Morocco, with whom he talked in French.

Saturday night, M. Sartre met Labour Minister Yigal Allon at the latter's kibbutz, Ginossar, and described his impressions of his visit to Egypt.

Sunday the two visitors were guests of the Arab population of Western Galilee and met a group of young Arab poets and writers, members of the new literary monthly Ofakim.

The Chairman of the Independent Liberal Party. Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, complained that the leftist Mapam was monopolizing M. Sartre. Addressing a meeting of the I.L.P. Executive, Mr. Kol said it was time his party reconsidered its participation in and support of the "New Outlook". This magazine was M. Sartre's host, yet the Mapam element in the magazine has sealed off M. Sartre and Mlle. de Beauvoir from contact with any other Israeli groups, Mr. Kol complained.

WARNS AGAINST SARTRE

Paris - The conservative newspaper "L'Aurore" warned that, after Sartre's Cairo press conference extolling President Nasser, Israel ought to beware of its guest.

Describing Sartre as the Egyptian President's "Extempore incense bearer", "L'Aurore's" commentator Henry Benazet, referring to Sartre's refusal to discuss the Palestine question before returning to France, asked, "Isn't prudence a matter of safety?"

Benazet claimed that Sartre has always been mistaken over big international issues, including the Algerian rebellion and the Castro regime.

ANNETTE KOLB IN ISRAEL

Lydda, Israel - Annette Kolb the 92-year-old German Catholic author arrived by El Al here for a 12-day private visit.

She was welcomed at the airport by the West German Charge d' Affaires, Dr. Alexander Toerek.

Miss Kolb, whose father was a member of the Bavarian royal line and whose mother was French, is the author of "Das Exemplar" (The Exemplar) and "Die Schaukel" (The Seesaw), among many works of fiction, poetry and non-fiction. In 1933, when Hitler came to power, Miss Kolb left Germany for France, where she lived during the war in Paris. After the war, she lived for some time in Switzerland and the U.S.

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GENERAL MEET

Montreal Chapter, B'nai B'rith, held a general meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Esther Quint, Outremont. The program included David Tarlo and Hyman Tannenbaum, guitarists.

SECOND LARGEST

At the recently held annual meeting of the Auxiliary of Maimonides Hospital and Home for the Aged, Mrs. M.I.H. Kaufmann, president, reported that the Auxiliary now is the second largest hospital auxiliary in the province. Formed in May, 1966, the purpose of the auxiliary was to provide comfort and service to the residents and to assist the hospital by providing additional means for research and training.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Alton Goldbloom, advisor; Mrs. Kaufmann, founder president; Mesdames Max Steinberg, H.K. Nadler and Max Bailey, vice presidents; Mrs. Charles Gavsie, treasurer; Mrs. Jack L. Greenwood, recording secretary; Mrs. David Goodman, corresponding secretary.

REVIEW

The Breakfast Book Review Series sponsored by Shaare Zion Sisterhood presented the final book review of the current series last Tuesday. Dr. Mervin Butovsky, assistant dean, Faculty of Arts, Sir George Williams University, reviewed: Call it Sleep, by Henry Roth. Conveners were Mesdames I. Stein and S. Goldstein. Chairman of the series was Mrs. George Shubin.

BRIDES AND GROOMS SEMINARS

The second session of the spring series of seminars of the Jewish Institute for Brides and Grooms took place last night at the Chevra Thilim Synagogue. Rabbi Israel Hausman reviewed Eric Fromm's The Art of Loving.

ORT MEET

Hampstead group of Montreal Women's ORT met recently at the home of Mrs. S. Bernard. Rabbi H. Leonard Poller of Temple Beth Sholom spoke on: What It's Like to Speak Publicly with a Minister and Priest Each Week.

LUNCHEON

Montreal Chapter, Women's branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, held a dessert luncheon last week. Theme was: The Life Cycle of a Jewess. Panelists were: Mrs. A. Rubin, Machzikei Adas Sisterhood, Ottawa; Mrs. D. Lewittes, Young Israel, Montreal Sisterhood; Mrs. S. Taube, Beth Ora Sisterhood. Mrs. David Roth of the Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob Sisterhood was moderator.

MEETING

The Bachelors and Bachelorettes of Young Israel of Chomedey held a meeting recently. Moshe Sheskin of the Jewish Public Library spoke on: Jewish Books of Current Interest.

OPEN MEET

Shalom Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, held an open meeting last Wednesday at the Congregation Beth-El, Mount Royal. Pastor Robert H. Johnson, president of CKGM's Charitable Foundation, was guest speaker. Mrs. Rose Caplan was program chairman.

PURIM TALK

Purim in the Sudan was the subject of a talk by India-born Mrs. Sheila Serousi at Shaar Hashomayim Chapter, Hadassah, last Monday afternoon. Other participants included mesdames Anne Wetstein, Meir Livnat and N. Mendelson who spoke about Purim in North America and Israel.

JOINT MEET

The Sisterhood of Beth Israel held a joint meeting with the Men's Club last Monday. Guest speaker was Charles Lazarus of the Montreal Star, who spoke about Expo.

TEA AND MUSICALE

A tea and musical will be sponsored by the Council of Units of the Jewish Hospital of Hope on Wednesday, March 29th. Mrs. Hyman Bercovitch is chairman of the subscription fund. Committee members are Mesdames P.W. Cohen, M. Edelstein, I. Kanofsky, M. Singerman, R. Wohl and E. Goldstein.

SISTERHOOD MEET

Shevet Achim Chaverim Kol Israel Sisterhood held a meeting on Monday. A film was presented.

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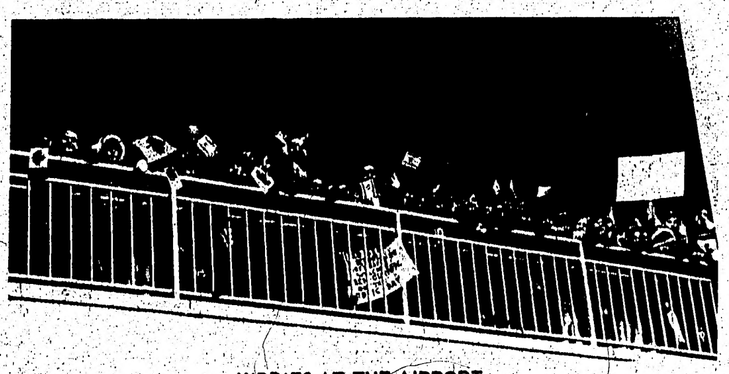

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COMING SOON

Spring Thaw '67, coming to The Royal Alexandra Theater on Monday, March 27th, has completed three weeks of performances in the Atlantic Provinces to sellout audiences. City after city asked for extra performances but producer Robert Johnston regretfully has no open dates till June 5th at the earliest.

Don Harron proves that Canadians want to laugh at their own history. Thus Spring Thaw tells the truth about Laura Secord, Jacques Cartier, Queen Victoria, Eric the Red and Samuel de Champlain.

EXCELLENT CAST

A Capful of Pennies, current presentation of Aries Productions at Central Library Theater, has a cast of some of Canada's top professional performers. Sean Mulcahy plays the lead. He portrays Edmund Kean, one of England's most famous tragedians. Jane Casson, who appears in two roles began her career in Australia with the first repertory company in Melbourne. Patrick Boxill, who appeared as Sir James Russell in the successful The Right Honourable Gentleman, has worked extensively in theater and radio. Nancy Kerr, who portrays the wife of Edmund Kean, is a graduate of the London Academy of Music and Drama. Claude Bede has appeared at the Crest. Margaret Macleod, who acts as mistress of Kean, trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. Lyn Wright, who makes her debut, has recently arrived from Australia. Others in the cast are Morna Wales of the production staff for Aries who also designed and created the costumes for A Capful of Pennies, Robert Marsh, Dennis Thatcher, Elizabeth Walsh.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

National Ballet of Canada's three-week season of repertory at O'Keefe Center, March 27th through April 15th, will present three new works in celebration of the nation's Centennial.

Swan Lake, produced by Danish danseur-choreographer Erik Bruhn, will be featured for the first week. The second week introduces the Ballet's new production of the fourth act of Bayaderka, the only surviving act of a full length ballet created almost a century ago by the outstanding Franco-Russian choreographer Marius Petipa.

Melodie is the second pas de deux created by the Bolshoi's Valukin for students at the National Ballet School and like its predecessor, Clair De Lune, proved so popular it was taken into the company's repertoire. It was created especially for newcomer Karen Bowes.

COULDN'T BE FUNNIER – A hilarious time awaits audiences of Spring Thaw '67, which opens at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater coming Monday night, March 27th and will run for six weeks. The Robert Johnston Productions presentation will depict the humorous side of the many facets of Canadian history. Above is the Basketfall Ballet: from left to right, Diane Nyland plays on the Red Team; Peter Mews acts as referee; Barbara Hamilton (foreground) plays on the Red Team; Dean Regan also plays on the Red Team.

BEAUTIFUL TABLEAU – Scene from Act II, Swan Lake, produced by Erik Bruhn, which opens the season for the National Ballet of Canada at Toronto's O'Keefe Center, Monday, March 27th.

LIVELY ARTS by D. Cohn

● An opera based on Eli, a play by Nelly Sachs, the German Jewish poet who won the Nobel Prize for literature last year, has been given its premiere in Dortmund. It was commissioned from Walter Steffens for the town's Brotherhood Week. Miss Sachs now lives in Sweden.

● Israel's best actors have appeared before new immigrants and helped them feel part of the mainstream of Israeli culture. Though no real theater building is available in many places, the theatrical companies are happy to improvize and adapt to local conditions for they understand the great need to create a new audience for Israeli theater.

● Scenes for Sweet November will be photographed on New York's Brooklyn Bridge, the Staten Island Ferry and major thoroughfares as well as in a number of public buildings. Robert Ellis Miller directs the technicolor film, partly on location in New York, for producers Jerry Gershwin and Elliott Kastner.

● Peter Sellers has joined the cast of Great Catherine, the Warner Bros. motion picture starring Peter O'Toole, Zero Mostel, Jeanne Moreau and Jack Hawkins, as a result of a practical joke.

For a gala ballroom scene involving O'Toole and a great many extras, Sellers, who was visiting the Shepperton Studios in London, decided to surprise O'Toole by donning Cossack costume and beard.

The effect was so hilarious that producer Jules Buck and director Gordon Flemyng elected to keep the scene in the color film.

In the picture, Buckingham Palace has given its approval for Zero Mostel to wolf down a large helping of sturgeon. Mostel portrays a Russian with enormous and lusty appetites. For his role, he must gobble sturgeon, but a 650-year-old English law, proclaimed by King Edward 11, makes all sturgeon in the British Isles the property of the Crown. Producer Jules Buck had to get approval from Buckingham Palace for Mostel's sturgeon feast.

● Efrem Zimbalist Jr., having completed filming the final segment of the QM-Warner Bros. television series, The FBI, for the 1966-67 season on ABC network, has begun his co-starring motion picture role in Warner Bros. 'Wait Until Dark', in which he appears with Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin, Richard Crenna, Jack Weston and Samantha Jones.

Zimbalist portrays Miss Hepburn's photographer-husband.

● Nine leading composers currently are at work on forthcoming Warner Bros. motion pictures: Dimitri Tiomkin who is writing the music for Great Catherine starring Peter O'Toole, Zero Mostel; Henry Mancini, on Wait Until Dark, starring Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin, Efrem Zimbalist Jr; Alfred Newman, composing for Firecreek, starring James Stewart and Henry Fonda; Francis Lai, writing music for The Bobo, starring Peter Sellers, Britt Ekland and Rossano Brazzi; Harry Sukman, on The Naked Runner, starring Frank Sinatra; William Lava, composing for The Assignment, starring Patrick O'Neal, John Gielgud and Joan Hackett; Lalo Schiffrin, on Cool Hand Luke, starring Paul Newman; Leonard Rosenman, scoring Countdown, starring James Caan and Joanna Moore; Ernie Freeman, on The Double Man, starring Yul Brynner and Britt Ekland. Gordon Jenkins is writing lyrics for William Lava's theme song for Chubasco, starring Richard Egan, Christopher Jones, Susan Strasberg, Ann Sothern.

● Edward G. Robinson, who at first studied for the rabbinate, says that if motion pictures hadn't aborted his stage career he would have done more Shakespeare and other more ambitious things. Like all veterans, he laments the lack of opportunities for newcomers to gain experience that his generation enjoyed but adds, "from time immemorial the actor has had to work out his own salvation. I even wanted to be in the circus, burlesque, to do a little vaudeville to be solidly entrenched in my profession."

A linguist and traveler, Robinson enjoys music as well as collecting art; he also paints and likes good food.

Criticizes B. G.

WEST-GERMAN NOVELIST URGES ISRAELIS TO OPPOSE KIESINGER

Jerusalem (JCNS) - Guenther Grass, the West German writer, who arrived here last week for a fortnight's "rest and recuperation", embarrassed his hosts, the Foreign Ministry, on alighting from his aircraft by criticizing Dr. Kurt-Georg Kiesinger, the Federal German Chancellor. He said he was not fit to lead his country in view of his 12-year membership of the Nazi Party "which he has not yet adequately explained".

Grass said he did not have the same objections to Dr. Kiesinger as Minister-President of Baden-Wuerttemberg, "as that is an internal German issue". He also said that Herr Franz-Josef Strauss (the Federal Minister of Defence) has "no place in the Cabinet of a democratic country".

The visitor also criticized Ben-Gurion, the former Israeli Prime Minister, for not having urged Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the former German Chancellor, to get rid of Dr. Hans Globke. "Young Germans will never understand this attitude of those two old men", he added.

Dr. Kiesinger, who was Minister-President of Wuerttemberg from 1958 until his election as Chancellor in December, claims that he went into opposition against the Nazi Party in 1934, a year after joining it.

Dr. Globke, former State Secretary to Dr. Adenauer, was a senior official of the Ministry of the Interior during the Nazi regime and the author of the commentary on the Nazi racial laws.

Continuing his ebullient exchange with airport correspondents, Herr Grass said he had "not come to admire the wonderful Israel army", as he is an anti-militarist. He said he had received many letters from Israeli readers about his novels and poetry and hoped to meet some of them on his visit.

HAGADA OF CHINESE JEWS

New York (JCNS) - Professor Cecil Roth, of Bar-Ilan University in Israel, has written the introduction to the "Hagada of the Chinese Jews", which is being issued in aid of the Orphan Hospital Ward of Israel by its New York office.

It is the first publication of the hitherto unknown Passover eve ritual of the "Orphan Colony" of the native Jews of China, and it is the seventh in a series of unusual Hagadot sponsored by Mr. B. D. Drenger for the Orphan Ward.

ISRAELI SCIENTISTS

Haifa (JCNS) - Israeli scientists have designed an easy-to-fly, short-take-off-and-landing aircraft called the Arava.

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46 Canadians at Hebrew University

Jerusalem (JCNS) - A total of 905 overseas students from 45 countries are now at the Hebrew University, a spokesman has announced. The largest number, 439, are from the U.S.A., and there are 48 from South Africa, 46 from Canada, 45 from Britain, 43 from Iran and 27 from West Germany. Others have come from Spain and Paraguay, Japan and Thailand, Ethiopia and Costa Rica.

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'Matzot For All In U.S.S.R.'

London (JCNS) "All Jewish families in the Soviet Union who want matzot will have them," I was assured by the Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin. "But, alas, there are many who do not want them, for they are non-believers."

In a telephone interview with the JCNS which he began in Hebrew, the Chief Rabbi said that the three bakeries of the Great Synagogue alone would produce 100 tons of matzot of which 70 tons had already been baked. There were two more matzo bakeries in Moscow itself and others in all the larger Jewish centres of the Soviet Union, he added.

Rabbi Levin said that one of his three bakeries was fully electrified and mechanized and was producing "very fine matzot ver fast - a ton-and-a-half per day."

Every family desiring matzot brings its own flour to the bakeries and pays 1 1/2 roubles (about 12s) per kilogramme (2.2 lb.).

"In my own (Great) synagogue we have so far had over 11,000 families who have brought their flour and will receive matzot. We do not make any profit on it, we are only trying to recoup the expense of installing the bakeries and the cost of labour," Rabbi Levin stated.

Asked whether there was a need for matzo parcels from abroad, he replied: "Thank you very much, we shall have all we need."

A correspondent of Novosti, the Soviet information agency specialising in Jewish matters, visited the Great Synagogue's mechanical bakery, whose address he gives as 34 Kropotkinskaya Street, in the centre of Moscow.

NO DOCUMENTS

During his visit the correspondent, Samuel Rosin, spoke to the chairman of the Moscow community, whose name he gives as Mikhail Mikhalovich.

Mr. Mikhalovich, reported Rosin, replied to a question about whether all the members of the community would receive matzot this year: "Not only our members, but all who wish to do so."

He added, says Rosin: "Neither in the past, nor this year, are any documents demanded...The community has no need for date about those ordering matzot."

Novosti says that matzot-baking has also begun in Leningrad, Tbilisi, Kiev, Odessa, Vilna and "many other cities throughout the country."

SOME IMPROVEMENT

Both the conversation with Chief Rabbi Levin and the Novosti report seem to show some improvement in the matzot situation in the Soviet Union, our special correspondent on East European affairs comments. Matzot were in fact baked last year by the communities of Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa, Kishinev, Tbilisi and elsewhere.

The Novosti claim that no registration or documents were required from those wanting matzot in the past is far from being convincing. Cases of such compulsory registration were repeatedly reported during previous years.

It must also be pointed out that flour is not easily obtainable in the Soviet Union, especially at this time of year, which makes it additionally doubtful whether all those who want matzot will be able to obtain them.

Joint's shipment of matzot to Europe

New York (JCNS) - Some 545, 325 lb. of matzot and other Passover supplies have been ordered by the American Joint Distribution Committee ("Joint"), for shipment to ten countries in Europe this year, it was announced here by the organization's executive vice-chairman, Mr. Charles H. Jordan.

These were preliminary figures which were expected to rise above last year's shipment of 616,500 lb. of supplies, he said.

The supplies will include 441,500 lbs. of matzot and matzo meal; 1,000 lbs. of "shmura" flour; 600 sets of "shmura" matzot; and 1,666 cases of Passover wine. The shipments will go to East European countries as well as to France, Albania, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Melilla and Cueta in Spanish Africa.

In addition, the "Joint" will issue special grants to enable needy Jews in Algeria, Iran, Morocco and Tunisia to purchase Passover supplies locally.

In Poland, matzot are baked by the religious community with equipment made available a few years ago by the American organization. Special grants will also be given to needy Jews there.

The funds for Passover relief and other "Joint" welfare and rehabilitation programmes are provided mainly by the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal.

Montreal

TAXES AND JEWISH SCHOOLS

In efforts to gain equality and dignity for Jewish education, the Committee for Tax Supported Jewish Schools in Montreal has received information that may be of tax benefit to parents of children attending Jewish day schools.

In western Canada the Federal Income Tax rules that part of day school fees can be used as charitable donations. This ruling should apply to Quebec also.

The committee seeks recognition of the Jewish day schools as a public institution within the confessional framework of Quebec's Catholic and Protestant schools; Jewish day schools should obtain tax support and grants equal to those received by Protestant and Catholic schools.

Classification of the Jewish day schools as a charitable institution would be a backward step. However, in the interim such tax exemptions could help relieve the burden of double taxation carried by Jewish parents.

In western Canada where the school system is not the same as Quebec's confessional one, more progressive Jewish leadership has found ways to help parents of the children attending day schools.

Montreal
Cordon Bleu Cuisine Kosher

Cordon Bleu cuisine is the objective of Sol Wenger and Ben Wainberg, both of Montreal, two young men with a combined thirty years in the catering trade, who now operate the business formerly known as Herzl Caterers. The new venture, which includes catering service, a bakery, deep frozen, precooked kosher foods and a restaurant, is in full swing except for the restaurant which opens the beginning of April, at 1215 Van Horne.

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At first these meals will have to be ordered in advance. But the diner may obtain such dishes as Chicken Kiev and Scampi, with a suitable substitute for cream in the one and a kosher fish in place of prawns in the other.

The takeover by the present firm, Elite Kosher Caterers Inc., marks the final dissolution of the former Drach Company. The poultry plant has been acquired by Marvid Ltd. Drach will remain in the meat canning industry though in the non-kosher field.

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MUSICAL NIGHT

Massada and Kinnereth Clubs, Pioneer Women of Toronto, will present a musical night, Hassidic Night, at Adath Israel Synagogue, Thursday, March 31st, 8:30 p.m.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood presented another of its series, Books and Bagels, last Tuesday morning. Elaine Newton reviewed Noah Gordon's The Rabbi. She was introduced by Mrs. Leo Fenson, chairman.

EXECUTIVE MEET

An executive meeting of the Clanton Park Sisterhood took place recently at the home of Mrs. N. Kanner. Mrs. D. Orson presided. Mrs. W. Goldstein, convenor, reported on the spring tea and fashion show.

LUNCHEON MEET

Thirty members attended a luncheon meeting held recently by the Sisterhood of Clanton Park. A baking demonstration by Mesdames B. Rubenstein and D. Rubenstein was featured.

Discussed were the coming tea, the cultural program and the children's Purim party. Mrs. A. Figdor reported on UJA. Mrs. N. Kanner thanked the house committee for their choice of broadloom for the synagogue.

Mesdames B. Zimmerman, B. Rubenstein, D. Rubenstein, W. Wohl and M. Rosenfelder lit the candles on the Simcha Cake. The luncheon was arranged and served by Mesdames J. Feldman and S. Kanner.

CONVENORS

Mesdames A. Leibowitz and S. Janowsky are in charge of arrangements for the children's Purim party at Clanton Park Synagogue, this coming Sunday.

WOMEN SERVED

The Clanton Park Sisterhood served refreshments prepared by Mrs. J. Feldman at a recently held meeting of the Orthodox Jewish Scientists at the synagogue.

GENERAL MEET

Women's League of Beth Jacob Girls' High School and Teachers' College held a general meeting recently, presided by Mrs. Hella Nussbaum.

The auction sale was held last Tuesday evening at the school. The next draw was held at that time for the 200 A-Month Club. Winner of this month's draw was Mrs. B. Kipper.

The annual play by the students will be held on Tuesday evening, March 28th, at the school.

Rebetzen Jacob Weinberg conducts the weekly Tuesday morning class on E. Kitov's The Jew and His Home.

Mrs. Rose Weinberg is in charge of cards for all occasions to the library fund.

Called upon by the president, Mrs. B. Gold introduced Dr. Kotz and his wife who read from the works of Nobel Prize Winner for Literature, S. Y. Agnon. They were thanked by Mrs. Nussbaum.

Shelach Monot cards for Purim are available.

Refreshments were served.

PURIM LUNCH

Bruria Chapter, Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi, held a Purim Luncheon recently at the New Murray House. Best wishes were extended and presentations were made to Mesdames Gertner, Greenblatt and Hornfeldt who, with their husbands, will visit Israel.

Mrs. S. Abella related the Purim story in Yiddish.

Mrs. D. Levine was congratulated upon the engagement of her daughter.

ARTS EVENING

Sisterhood of Beth El (Don Mills) will present an evening of Art and Music at the Synagogue on Saturday evening, April 8th. Proceeds will be donated to the Religious school.

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Tommie Conklin, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conklin (born Louis Cohen), had a Gentile mother. One day the lad came home from school and told his father that for the next two days he would stay home. It was the Jewish New Year.

"We don't observe these holidays," his father said. "There is no reason for missing two days of school."

"Then," answered the boy, "since I am a half-Jew, I'll just stay away one day."

TO THE LETTER

A Hadassah chapter held its annual Fifty Dollar Give or Get Fish Dinner at the ballroom of a new hotel. When the main course was served, the women were horrified to see that the scales had not been removed from the fish. A complaint was lodged immediately with the manager of the dining room.

"We only carried out instructions," explained the manager. "The rabbi who called yesterday to give us directions how to make the dinner kosher told us emphatically that Jews are not permitted to eat fish without scales."

YOU NEVER KNOW

The principal of the Hebrew School took a few of the schoolchildren through Independence Hall where they read the inscription on the Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

"This beautiful verse," said the principal, "comes from the sacred writings of the Jewish people."

A Gentile young woman who overheard this remark whispered indignantly to her father: "Can you beat that? I wonder what the Jews will claim next."

recipe of the week

PURIM SOUP FROM ISRAEL

1 lb. beef brisket (brust)
2 soup bones
1 qt. water
2 leeks (white part) cut in julienne strips
1 cup tomato juice
5 small flowerets of cauliflower
2 tbs sugar
1 small piece citric acid (sour salt)
1/4 tsp pepper
1 tsp salt
2 egg yolks, well beaten in a soup tureen

Place meat, bones and water in a soup kettle, bring to a boil, then simmer, covered, until the meat is very tender. Strain the broth and skim off the fat. Add remaining ingredients except egg yolks, bring to a boil once more, then cook over medium heat until the vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes. Taste, and make more sweet and sour if desired. Slowly pour the soup over the egg yolks, stirring constantly. Serve at once. This makes 5 portions.

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THE TWO P'S: PURIM AND PESACH

BY RUTHIE

This Sunday is Purim, as though anybody must be reminded. And what do you think is uppermost in my kids' minds?

Not the reading of the **Megillah**, the beautiful Book of Esther; not the noisemaking whenever Haman is mentioned; not even the party in **shool**. But,

"Mommy, Purim is on Sunday. No excuses that you're busy. Make plenty of **kreplach**. And don't forget all kinds of **hamantashen**."

Wouldn't you think my darlings would think of their stomachs! Chips off the old block.

Nu, so why not? What's a holiday without the aroma of baking? And most of the fun is in **shelach monot**, when goodies are distributed among friends.

And here I plead with all my dear ones not to send me food. Of course it's tempting to compliment someone on a new recipe. But I really don't need it. They'd do a **mitzvah** (good deed) if they helped me keep my mouth shut.

And the children don't need it either. There's enough, thank God. Furthermore, they don't look undernourished.

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Next to the joy of the holiday, to me Purim signifies one thing: Pesach is only a month away, and what I have to do in the house!

I'm already figuring out how we'll sit around the table. Because if I know my husband, he's already inviting the whole neighbourhood to the Seders.

I really don't mind when it's over. But beforehand — just thinking of all the preparations gives me goose pimples.

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Why do **bahlabustas** (housewives) feel like this on a holiday? Don't we eat all year? Don't we clean, cook, bake, run our homes? Why **dofka** (particularly) now?

Maybe it's because subconsciously we remember how Mama did things. First of all, nobody could help her. She wanted the pleasure of doing everything herself. And she set a time limit. Everything had to be just so at a certain time.

Halfway between Purim and Pesach we couldn't walk into the kitchen without,

"Be careful. No crumbs. Everything is **Pesachdick** already."

Then the foodstuff started coming in. But our enthusiasm was nipped in the bud.

You see, Mama was wise to us. From experience she knew enough not to stock up on tins of maccaroons, bags of candies, chocolate covered matzohs and other Passover goodies. Because long before then nothing was left. We kids couldn't resist sneaking handfuls of stuff everytime we passed what Mama thought was a good hiding place. And it didn't take long when it was all gone.

So Mama stocked up on those extras the last minute. Meantime what would we want with potatoes, onions, **matzah mehl** and other staples?

But we weren't depressed for long. We could always resort to the old reliable — matzah spread thick with **shmaltz** and dusted liberally with course salt. A **mekhaya** (pleasure)! But that's good only if your stomach's young.

Believe it or not, though, my favorite is a plain cup of coffee with **gebruckta** (broken) matzah. Is that delicious! You can eat it all year round but it just hasn't the same **tahm** (taste). Even a medium boiled egg tastes different on Pesach.

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But let's get back to Purim. Right now I have to be a King Solomon to figure out which brat of mine would make the prettiest Queen Esther.

Have any suggestions, somebody?

Meanwhile, a happy, happy Purim — when you get around to enjoy it.

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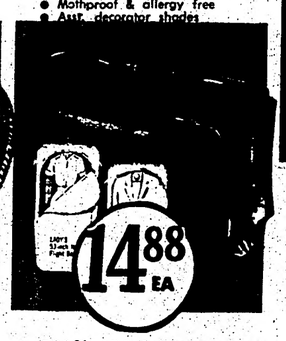

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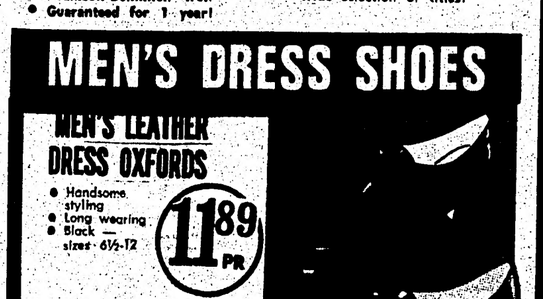

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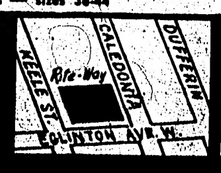

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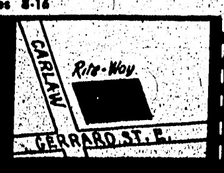

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